ces or Degree in Engineering or technology or equivalent.

**Request to enhance allocation of kerosene to Orissa**

7576. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the kerosene allotted to the State of Orissa at present is not adequate:

(b) whether Government of Orissa has asked the Central Government to enhance the monthly allocation of Superior kerosene oil; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government in that regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) to (c) Requests are received from various State Governments including Orissa for additional allocation of Superior Kerosene Oil (SKO) from time to time. However, on account of constraint of product availability, foreign exchange and heavy subsidy involved. It is not possible to meet the entire demand of the State Governments. Nevertheless in view of the relatively lower level of allocations of SKO to Orissa in the past, an increase of 9.7 per cent over the previous year's allocation has been made for the year 1995-96 in the case of Orissa. Central Government has allowed the import and marketing of SKO by private parties under the Parallel Marketing Scheme with a view to augment availability of the product in the country. Allocations of PDS commodities are supplemental in nature and are not intended to meet the entire requirements of any State|UT including Orissa.

**Consumer items supplied through PDS below market price**

7577. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMERS AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the consumer items that are being supplied through the Public Distribution System at below market prices giving the prices of those items prevailing in the market including Super Bazar and Kendriya Bhandar and the ones at which the same are sold through the Public Distribution System;

(b) the details of the hoarders blackmarketeers indulging in unfair trade practices under the Essential Commodities Act against whom stringent action is being taken;

(c) the reasons for not taking any action against the Super Bazar which has been indulging in unfair practices;

(d) the details of items whose selling rates where unfairly increased by the Super Bazar; and

(e) what action does Government propose to take against the Super Bazar in regard to the above?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Super Bazar is not dealing with any consumer item through Public Distribution System. Kendriya Bhandar is dealing with the items of wheat, rice sugar and palmolein oil in its fair price shops through PDS. Kendriya Bhandar has reported that the prevailing prices in its fair price shops and in the open sales in its branches are as under:—

| Item | Price in the fair price shops | Price in the open sale in the branch stores |
|---|---|---|
| 1. Wheat | Rs. 4.27 per kg. | Not sold. |
| 2. Rice | Rs. 6.90 per kg. | Rs. 7.80 per kg. (permal rice) |
| 3 Sugar | Rs. 9.05 per kg. | Rs. 13.80 per kg. |
| 4. Palmolein Oil | Rs. 29.5 per Ltr. | Not sold. |